

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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VALVE AND DEVICE FOR PERFORMING  
THE METHOD  
Examiner : Tu Minh Nguyen  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER A FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 25, 2010 (the three-month response date for which is August 25, 2010), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

Applicant respectfully provides payment of the additional claim fee for the ten (10) net added claims and three (3) net added independent claims in the accompanying transmittal.